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From: Sullivan, David (NWD)
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To: Hanchett, James (DPH)
Subject: Preserving UMass Drug Lab

Dear Jim: I just closed my file on the UMass drug lab closure. I would remiss if I did not thank you for all your information and assistance in helping keep your lab open. Through good information we were able to inform all our legislators and state officials about the lab's productivity and how uneconomical it would be for police and prosecutors to travel to Boston for testing. As well, we were able to explain the impact of the Melendez-diaz case and its impact on needing chemists available for court testimony.. I was able to also enlist the Mass. District Attorney's Association in the battle when it became apparent that the closing of the lab would have a ripple effect on all lab tests being delayed by more than 3months. I know it was a time of uncertainty for you and your colleagues and am pleased that our local Senators and Representatives stepped up to the plate to take on DPH .

Please know that I will continue to be an advocate for the remarkable work you and your colleagues perform on behalf of the justice system.

Best regards, Dave

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